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Charles W. Knapp, General Manager of The St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of April, 1902, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

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CHARLES W. KNAPP.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of April, 1902.

J. F. FARISH.

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires April 30, 1904.

The St. Louis carrier force of The Republic deliver more than 53,000 copies every day. This is nearly four times as many as any other morning newspaper delivery in St. Louis and more than twice as many as any morning or evening delivery.

WORLD'S—1904—FAIR.

RELIEF WORK IN ST. LOUIS.

There will be a prompt and generous local subscription to the American fund for the relief of the sufferers from the recent disaster in Martinique and St. Vincent, the St. Louis committee appointed by President Roosevelt having now organized for work.

The pitiable condition of the people of the islands named makes an appeal which cannot be comfortably ignored. The United States Government has already taken prompt action towards the succor of these people. The fund now to be raised by popular subscription throughout the Union will represent the helpful spirit of the American people, supplementing that of their Government. There is the most pressing necessity for both.

The gentlemen named by the President to constitute the local relief committee are entering upon their duty with a zeal and willingness for arduous service in keeping with the demands of the occasion. A similar recognition of the almost unprecedented nature of the sudden necessity for charity created by the calamity in the Windward Islands will assuredly be displayed by the public.

THE CABILDO AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Governor Heard of Louisiana has acted with a keen sense of historic appropriateness in recommending to the State Legislature the reproduction at the St. Louis World's Fair, as a part of the Louisiana exhibit, of the old Cabildo, the building in which the original transfer of the Louisiana Territory was made.

There could not well be a more fitting or picturesque feature of the Louisiana exhibit than this. The Cabildo itself, still standing in New Orleans, is a quaint Spanish structure, attractive to all visitors by virtue of its foreign and antique aspect.

As the scene where the agents of Napoleon Bonaparte formally turned over to the United States the domain purchased by President Jefferson and constituting the Louisiana Territory, it is well worth reproducing at the World's Fair celebrating the centennial anniversary of that great transaction.

The Louisiana State Legislature will act wisely in accepting Governor Heard's suggestion. A reproduction of the Cabildo at the St. Louis World's Fair will lend peculiar distinction to the Louisiana exhibit.

It is to be hoped that the project to this end now authoritatively recommended may materialize into accomplished fact.

AGAINST THE LOBBY.

Democrats of the Sixteenth Senatorial District have given an example of how to deal with men identified with the so-called lobby in Jefferson City. They have by their determined stand against this influence assured the return of an absolutely safe man in place of one who worked and voted with the Republicans.

Senator Whaley of St. Clair County was conspicuous at the last session of the General Assembly for his allegiance to the lobby. With Farris and Orchard, he made a record which was particularly distasteful to the better element among Democrats.

Some of his work was so exasperating that Representative C. C. Dickinson of Henry County denounced the Senator on the floor of the House. Mr. Dickinson declared then that he would fight the Senator on the single issue of lobby domination.

Doctor Whaley refused to accept the challenge with himself as a target, but secured the endorsement of his own county and Cedar for J. H. Davidson of the latter place. Whaley made a bitter fight upon Dickinson, which, in turn, emphasized the lobby issue. By carrying both Henry and Bates counties on this one question of lobby domination, Dickinson will secure the nomination and be elected, as the district is Democratic.

A few more instances of this sort and the danger of a lobby-controlled State Senate will be removed. The Twenty-second District, now represented by Senator Orchard, should follow the example of the Sixteenth. The delegates to the Democratic Convention in Houston a week from next Saturday will have an opportunity to repudiate a friend of the lobby.

This can be done by refusing to renominate James Orchard. His record is identical with that of the Republican Senators. On all lobby questions he has voted with the minority. He has brought reproach upon the party which he has misrepresented. A man not bound to the lobby should succeed him.

THEY CANNOT FOOL THE PEOPLE.
 Panic-stricken Republican claims of effective service in behalf of the people against the trusts will be received by the American public with a contemptuous amusement based upon a thorough knowledge and appreciation of the facts governing the case.

There is no reason, however, to attempt an unfair advantage over the party of the trusts at this moment of full American recognition of the danger that has been created by trust arrogance based upon a certainty that the combine monopolies own the Republican party body and soul. Dealing with the situation in a spirit of utter sincerity, the truth must be faced that Republicanism is absolutely responsible for trustism.

It is true that President Roosevelt has, under the provocation of great wrong against the American people, caused proceedings to be instituted to prevent the monopolistic railway combine in the Northwest and to terminate the oppressive tactics of the Beef Trust in forcing consumers to pay exorbitant prices for meat. But it is equally true that an aroused public sentiment made this action inevitable on the President's part. A political party in power at such a moment, refusing to at least make some show of solicitude for the general welfare, would stand condemned in the eyes of all the people.

The basic truth of the situation is that the trusts were created by Republican policies, that they have been maintained by Republican legislation which sacrificed the rights of the people in order to extend the privileges of the trusts, that they furnish the financial support of the Republican party and that they count upon protection from the Republican party. Their agent in Republican councils, Mark Hanna, is sufficiently powerful in his party to insure this protection in all save extraordinary instances. He may yet be potent enough to prevent injury to the trusts from the present proceedings forced by public sentiment.

The American people know well that they must remove the Republican party from control of the Government as the first step toward freeing themselves from the oppression of the trusts. To accomplish this end they are turning to the Democratic party, which stands and has always stood for the rights of the many as against the privileges of the few. This truth it is that is striking panic to Republican souls and causing Republican organs to advance the false claim that their party is opposed to trustism. The facts cannot now be successfully misrepresented to the American people. They know that Republicanism created trustism and is now owned and controlled by its creature.

REPUBLICANS IN TROUBLE.
 The policy of charging the Missouri Democracy with "looting" the School Fund and issuing a "lot of worthless certificates of indebtedness" is getting a number of distinguished Republican statesmen into trouble.

The Honorable Benjamin Franklin Russell of Crawford County, Speaker of the Republican House of 1895, subsequently Sergeant-at-Arms of the lower house of Congress, and now candidate for Congress in the new Sixteenth District, has found it necessary to publish an attempted explanation of his vote while in the Legislature in favor of issuing a certificate of indebtedness.

Along with the organs of his party Mr. Russell has been furiously denouncing the Democracy for the School Fund legislation of the past thirty years. Recently The Republic had occasion to publish a list of prominent Republicans who had voted to issue these certificates of indebtedness to the School Fund which the Republican party managers are now declaring to be worthless. Ex-Speaker Russell's name is conspicuous among the number who voted for the bill.

In his attempted explanation, Mr. Russell says: "The Republic on several occasions has stated that several Republicans in the Legislature of 1895 voted in favor of an unlawful taking of the school moneys of the State and using them for current expenses and issuing certificates of indebtedness therefor."

The Republic has charged no such thing and no one knows this better than this Republican candidate for Congress.

What The Republic charges and what the records show to be true is that the first certificate of indebtedness was issued under the Liberal Republican administration of Governor B. Gratz Brown, for the sum of \$900,000, to reimburse the schools for that amount of school moneys used by the Republican administration of Governor Fletcher in the reduction of the State debt; that party lines were not drawn in the passage of this act, nor in the subsequent issuing of certificates; that the Republican House of 1895, of which Mr. Russell was Speaker, passed an act authorizing the issue of an additional certificate for over \$22,000, and that no part of the school moneys for which certificates had been issued had been used for "current expenses."

In the sale of the school lands the net proceeds, after deducting costs of sale, was turned into the School Fund. The cost of the sales for a number of years prior to 1895 aggregated \$22,851.19, and the friends of education, regardless of politics, voted to issue a certificate of indebtedness to the School Fund to cover this amount.

Mr. Russell will find, if he will examine the records, that the only time when school money has been appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay "current expenses" was during the Republican administration of Governor Fletcher and Governor McClurg. During the years of 1867, 1868 and 1869 warrants were drawn against the School Fund and paid by the State Treasury to the amount of \$17,832.95, to cover the incidental expenses, such as printing, etc., of the Superintendent of Schools and Register of Lands.

Under Democratic rule not one dollar of school money has been used for purposes of this character.

But Mr. Russell is not the only Republican statesman who is in trouble. The Honorable Moses Whybark of Bollinger County, candidate for Supreme Judge, has been taken to task by the Republicans of Stoddard County for voting, when a member of the Legislature in 1883, for School Fund certificates.

Evidently the Stoddard County Republicans are as ignorant of their State history as are their Stone County brethren. They do not seem to understand that in denouncing the School Fund legislation and demanding the turning down of Judge Whybark they are condemning the "time-ried and fire-tested" Republicans of the State.

Not only will ex-Speaker Russell have to step aside, but Major John L. Bittinger, who now holds the snug berth of Consul at Montreal, Canada, will have to be sent to the rear. So will Postmaster Brewster of St. Joseph, while such Republican faithfuls as

O'Bannon of Dallas, Gmelich of Cooper, Tubbs of Osage, Blodgett of St. Louis, Pettijohn of Linn and scores of others will have to confess to "looting" the School Fund and issuing a "lot of worthless certificates of indebtedness."

If the policy of the organs and the Stone and Stoddard county Republicans is followed there will not be enough left of the Republican party in this State to hold a respectable county convention.

Cheap demagoguery has ever been short-lived, and when this year's campaign is over decent Republicans in Missouri will realize how disastrous it is to be dominated by a set of small-bore politicians.

POPULAR ESTIMATE OF THE NAVY.

In sounding a warning against what he believes to be an overconfident American belief that the American navy is invincible as it now stands, Congressman Foss of Illinois is surely not in touch with the better thought of this country which is based on reliable knowledge of the facts.

Well-posted Americans do not by any means believe that the navy is invincible. They have the greatest confidence in the personnel of the navy, feeling sure that better sea captains and sailors are not to be found in the world.

This was to them the renewed teaching of the victories over the Spanish fleets in 1898.

Not for a minute, however, did they take those victories as proving that similar results would have been achieved against the more formidable navies of the greater European Powers.

The vast majority of the American people believe, with Congressman Foss, that there is a vital necessity for the strengthening and betterment of the American navy. They know that this arm of our militant service is not up to the Old World standard in the number and formidable character of warships, in the numerical strength of the navy list, in all that goes to make sea-power. They know as well that we must depend almost utterly upon the navy in every event of war. With Congressman Foss they believe that the naval appropriation bill now before the House should be passed. Not for a moment will they begrudge the money spent for the bringing of the American navy to a strength equal to that of the European Powers of the first class.

Circuit Attorney Folk has accomplished so much by his recent visit to Washington as to deserve the sincere gratitude of the community whose interests he officially represents in the boodle prosecutions. There now seems to be an excellent prospect of the negotiation of a supplemental extradition treaty which will result in the surrender of fugitive Kratz to Chief of Detectives Desmond and his return to St. Louis to stand trial on the charge of bribery. If this shall be finally accomplished, the achievement will in large measure go to Mr. Folk's credit. The Circuit Attorney has been inflexible in his determination that Kratz shall be brought to justice.

There is about \$1,000,000 more on hand in the City Treasury than at the close of the preceding fiscal year; certainly an excellent financial showing for the first year of the Wells administration. But it probably breaks the hearts of the old gang to see so much money subject to the people's use instead of being distributed to boodle barnacles.

Only by the united support of the Democratic members were the friends of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona able to pass the statehood bill through Congress. If Republicans alone had voted the measure would have been defeated. It remains to be seen whether Republican Senators will keep the pledges which were made by the Philadelphia convention.

There must be no Circumlocution Office methods attaching to the American work of contributing to the relief of the Martinique sufferers. The thing to do first is to get food, medicine, clothing and other supplies to those hapless folk without delay. The red-tape part of the undertaking can be attended to after this has been done.

RECENT COMMENT.

Republican Disgratification.

New York Evening Post.
 The Tribune has a "bare head" this morning purporting to give an account of an alliance in the Senate between the opponents of the Cuban reciprocity bill, the opponents of the Nicaraguan Canal, and the Democrats, against the administration. Such a league would certainly prove formidable. It would, no doubt, be strong enough to defeat the measures named, and the Philippine bill to boot, but there is no reason to suppose that the Republicans, or any section of them, have formed any alliance with the Democrats, or with any section of them. Still, there is sufficient evidence of Republican disgratification with the administration to give foundation for the suspicion that certain Senators would not be distressed if some of the measures favored by the President should fail.

Requiring a Microscope.

New York Times.
 The newspapers seem to have overlooked Amos Cummings' best story. The scene was the White House and the time during the reign of Harrison. Amos had called to see the President and was denied an interview, greatly to his disgust and rage, as he had an important matter to discuss with the Executive. He accordingly expostulated with "Lige" Halford, the President's secretary. "I am sorry, Mr. Cummings, but the President cannot be seen to-day," said "Lige" firmly. "Great God," spluttered the Congressman, as he turned his back on the private secretary, "has he got as small as that?"

Local Strength the Basis of All.

Sedalia Sentinel.
 No Democrat can overestimate the importance of carrying the county election this fall. As an influence toward the greater work of holding the State and winning the nation, the county elections are the logical starting points to success.

Some Democrats there are who believe firmly in the fundamental principles of the party, and always vote the national ticket without a scratch, yet are lukewarm when it comes to county or State campaigns. They forget that a county victory is a long step towards a State victory and that it is only by winning States that the nation can be won.

Has No Confidence to Spare.

Greenfield Advocate.
 We are frank to say to the Democrats that the safest way to count the votes for our ticket in this county is after the polls close this fall. It would be just as easy for us to figure out a victory at this stage of the game as it is for "our friends the enemy." When the votes are polled we can get the count correct. We cannot promise the public right now with the most perfect confidence, however, that regardless of the big rush of increased vote being so assiduously advertised by the Republican press, the Republican party in this county this year is not going to lose by reason of our confidence.

Kratz's Old Friends.

Warren Enterprise.
 Republican newspapers do not have much to say about Kratz and his betrayers of the late Republican government of St. Louis. Neither do they admit that the Republican party was defeated by a revolt of honest Republicans. They claim that but for the Nesbit law the Republicans would still be in possession of the city government and Kratz would not have been compelled to flee to Mexico.

Should Study Alliances and Vets.

Indianapolis Journal.
 The newer Senators, who seem to learn, the day after they are elected, that they have been abusive and unparliamentary, should well glance a couple of years and observe such models as Allison and Vest.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CAROL SOCIETY TO RIVAL BOYS' CLUB.



MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL CAROL CLUB.

From left to right those in the first row are: Miss Stella Thwing, treasurer; Belle Coloma, secretary; Miss Olivia Merkel and Miss Imogene Gros. In the second row: Professor William Schuyler, Miss Isabella Shannon, Miss Marie Stilger, assistant secretary and treasurer; Miss Kathryn Hall, vice president; Miss Mabel M. Case, president, and Misses Constance O'Connell and Edna Ebbert.

Girls of the St. Louis High School will emulate the boys as vocal artists. To that end the girls have organized a "Carol Club" and are rehearsing two afternoons a week under the direction of William H. Fommer, musical supervisor of the Board of Education.

Hitherto the boys, represented by their glee club, have had no rivals in song at the High School. Their club is well organized and trained and ready for exhibition work. Being later in the field, the girls do not yet claim the attention of audiences, but say that they certainly will in the near future. The new club intends to rehearse and study constantly until results of which they may be proud are attained. Miss Mabel Chase of the junior class is president of the organization. She says the members are very enthusiastic and looking forward to the time when they may make their initial bow to the public. It is not yet decided whether they will take part in the June commencement exercises. The membership is eleven. It probably

will be increased to twelve and possibly to sixteen, but the latter figure is the maximum. The demands made upon a candidate are severe. Director Fommer carefully tests the voice, judging as to its power and adaptability. Once accepted, the candidate is expected to attend rehearsals regularly and study diligently.

William Schuyler, assistant principal of the High School, is much interested in the new movement and is of the opinion that the boys must exert themselves to keep their laurels.

By a Republic Photographer.

RECEPTION AT PARSONS HOME; NAUERT-NEIDHART WEDDING.



MR. PHIL NAUERT.

An important event on yesterday's social calendar was the large afternoon reception given by Mrs. Parsons, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Scott Parsons, and her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Gill, at the spacious Parsons residence, No. 331 Washington avenue.

These ladies received several hundred callers from 3 to 5. The house was beautifully decked with flowers, carnations of many colors forming the blossoms most in use. Pale pink and white ones were employed in the drawing-room, where Mrs. Parsons greeted her guests in a gown of white satin, almost entirely covered with jet. Several handsome jeweled ornaments were worn. Mrs. Gill wore a lavender satin soubot, with garniture of black threads and white lace. Mrs. Parsons was in white muslin with many insertions of old Valenciennes lace and pink ribbons.

A group of intimate friends of the receiving party assisted in making the afternoon a success. They were: Mrs. George Willard Teasdale, who wore pink silk muslin with white lace and black velvet; Mrs. Francis Xavier Barada, in rose silk poplin, with applications of cream lace; Mrs. A. M. Holiday, in white chiffon, daintily appliqued in medallions of black lace; Mrs. Shille Burleigh, in pale green mousseline with white lace; Mrs. Michaels, in pale blue silk, with black, and Mrs. A. E. Mooney, in white silk.

In the rear of the reception hall, under an enormous Japanese umbrella was a tea table, where Miss Kraft and Miss Smith poured in the dining-room, which was decorated in pink carnations. Mrs. W. J. Burleigh, Mrs. Rawlings, Mrs. Bleelock and Mrs. Gibson presided at the table. Miss Kupperle and Mrs. Malcolm Robb served punch in the library.

NAUERT-NEIDHART WEDDING.
 The marriage of Miss Emeline Neidhart, No. 425 Page boulevard, and Mr. Phil Nauert, of No. 331 South Seventh street, was celebrated last evening at the home of the bride. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Nauert will be at home at No. 287 Salena street.

SANS CEREMONIE CLUB.
 Miss Laura Strong entertained the Sans Ceremonie Club, of which she is a member, at her home, No. 179 Goode avenue, on Tuesday evening. Among those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were: Misses—Amy Armstrong, Laura Strong, Ella Morris, Leona Duckworth, Helen Fisher, Mollie Hawkins, Messieurs—Arnold Cooper, Harold Crouch, Arthur Hudson, Roy McDonald, Fred Armstrong, Thomas Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Devoe, No. 587 Cates avenue, will depart Sunday evening for Europe, to be absent three months. They will go first to Queenstown and then to the Cork Exposition. They will visit different parts of Ireland, also Great Britain, France, Germany and other portions of the Continent.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Misses Edith and Annie Anthony of Fredericktown, Mo., are visiting their sister, Mrs. E. P. Lampkin, No. 467 Cook avenue.

Miss Millie Hollweg, daughter of Mr. Andrew Hollweg, will be married on June 5, to Mr. Frederick Hens of Chicago. The wedding will take place at the bride's home in St. Louis and immediately after the ceremony the young couple will depart for an extended Eastern trip. They expect to make their home in the Chicago suburb, Englewood.

Mrs. Nellie Lester and her little son, have returned from a visit in Cairo, Ill.

The Louisianians will close their season of parties with a "Shir-Waist Hop" on Tuesday evening, May 20.

IN MISS KELLY'S HONOR.
 Mrs. C. M. Butth of No. 5300 Ridge avenue entertained yesterday in honor of Miss Beulah Kelly of Denison, Tex. Those present were: Misses—Helen Heirs, Ruth Le Cron, Ella White, Clara Kalleita, Hattie McCormack, Messieurs—Robert Denham, Earl Deuerbach, William Lockwood, Ware Wanglo, Clarence Blackwell, Cecil Burtin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, and Mrs. T. F. Blackwell, Mrs. Denham, Mrs. Williams of Denison. Miss Kelly will return to-day to her home.

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SOL SMITH RUSSELL'S WILL.

Leaves Estate Valued at \$150,000 to the Widow.
 Minneapolis, Minn., May 14.—The will of Sol Smith Russell, the actor, was filed to-day. The estate, mostly real, is valued at \$150,000.

The only heirs are the widow, Mrs. Alice Adams Russell, and two children, Robert and Alice. The document is very brief and leaves everything to the widow.

BLAND MONUMENT UNVEILING.

Ceremony at Lebanon on June 17.—Byran and Stone to Speak.

INITIAL NOVELTIES OF THE SUMMER AMUSEMENT SEASON.

Forest Park Highlands opens its gates Sunday, with more side attractions than ever, and with the big feature, the Loop the Loop, in running order. James J. Corbett will be the leading attraction in the pavilion. He leaves the stage as soon as he finishes his engagement at the Highlands, to go into training for his battle with Jeffries. This engagement is the only one he will play here, or in the West. Other good cards of the opening bill are Pauline Moran and her pickaninies, Hickley and Nelson comedians; the Doherty Sisters, Hayes and Healy and Willis and Haddon.

Fanny Rice is the drawing card at the Columbia this week. Edwin and Edwards, the English comedy duo, also present a novelty. Other clever entertainers are the Girl of Quality, Bonnie Male, Swan and Bamard, Sleson and Stewart and Musical Dale. Next week will close the season at the Columbia. The bill announced is as follows: Homer Lind and company, Tavor and Sinclair, A. C. Duncan, the Six Blackbirds, Martinetti and Sutherland, James H. Cullen, Armstrong and Cassidy, William Jerome Mitty, Mitchell and Love, Lenore and St. Clair and the biograph.

Manager Ellery of the Royal Italian Band announces a special Wagner programme for to-morrow night. Like many musicians, Mr. Ellery entertains the notion that Wagner is only himself when presented in complete operatic form with all the orchestral, choral, vocal and scenic accessories. Hence he argues, Wagner in the form of piano, hand or orchestra experts is not Wagner at all. The band will play the Tannhauser overture, excerpts from Parsifal, the wedding music, Lohengrin and some of the Meisterling march movements. For the remainder of the week the programme abounds in many popular selections.

Next Sunday will see the summer season in full blast at Delmar Garden, so far as the amusements of the heated term be concerned. Among the new features which will be found here are a number of new attractions on the midway which, as yet, have not been exhibited in St. Louis. One of these affairs, which was shown at the Buffalo Exposition, is the "Cabaret de la Mort." It is called "Darkness and Dawn." It is divided into three sections. The first section is supposed to represent the death chamber wherein Robert McCallre, the noted French bandit, was wont to entrap his victims and put them to death. By devious methods, one of the bandits is placed on the stage. With the aid of mechanical skeletons, he is seen, by the remainder of the audience, to perform all manner of peculiar and humorous actions unknown to himself. After this entertainment the spectators are shown through a narrow passage way lined with a dozen coffins, each supposed to contain the skeleton of one of McCallre's victims. In the third section the condition of Paradise will be shown and many beautiful illusions will be introduced.

Other features on the Midway include an Art and Beauty Palace, "A Day in the Alps," an Indian village, an animal theater, the Streets of India, and a miniature American railway system in operation. Free band concerts will be given every afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and every evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The Sipe Educated Animals and Lilliputian Show will begin a seven days' engagement Monday at Handian's Park, Grand and Laclede avenues.

Though the show was primarily organized for the entertainment of children, it is an exhibition for persons of all ages. The 500 animals in the aggregation are trained and ridden by children and Lilliputians. Little Edna Bully, the youngest trainer in the world, controls seventy-two ponies at one time. The child is only 8 years old, but she handles these seventy-two ponies while they go through a series of evolutions.

There is also a trained Midget Elephant, a Talking Pony and the Cornelia family of eight acrobats. The street parade, which will be made on Monday, is said to be one of the most interesting features given by the organization.

Al Reeves' burlesque company will be seen at the Standard next week. "Count Oh Fudge," a new farce, will be the initial sketch. A vaudeville bill comes next, the features being McCabe, Shubine and Ella Vera, in their comedietta, "The Irish Contractor and the Typewriter"; Maxine and Maudette, comedy acrobats; Hory and Lee, who write the parodies they will sing; Cliff Gordon, singer; Samore Sisters, Louise Amber and her company, and Al Reeves, burlesque. The last playlet, "A Night at Nagsanet Pier," is described as an extravaganza of merit.

Miss Rachel Acers of St. Louis, assisted by Hugo Goldsmith, will produce "Maudie" and the one